

and primary health care services for thousands of previously uninsured Missouri children. Governor Carnahan will forever be remembered as an advocate for children and working families.

Governor Carnahan held a Bachelor's Degree in business administration from George Washington University and graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School in 1959 with the highest scholastic honors—Law Review and Order of the Coif. He was a United States Air Force veteran, a 33rd degree Mason, and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Rolla. He served as Chairman of both the Southern and Democratic Governors' Association.

Mr. Speaker, Mel Carnahan was a good friend and a truly great American. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife of 46 years, Jean Carnahan; two sons, Russ and Tom Carnahan; one daughter, Robin Carnahan, of St. Louis; one daughter-in-law, Debra Carnahan; one brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Oma Carnahan, and two grandsons, Austin and Andrew.

AMENDING PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, Thank you, Speaker HASTERT and Mr. GEPHARDT for scheduling this bill on today's suspension calendar and bringing this important matter to the floor.

The Hunt's Point incident represents a serious threat to the entire produce industry. The acceptance of bribes by USDA inspectors erodes public trust in an inspection system meant to provide security and consistency to the produce industry as well as consumers. This legislation is the fruit of a continuous and effective dialog between the USDA and Congress to address the serious problems raised by this scandal.

On October 27, 1999, eight USDA fruit and vegetable inspectors were convicted of accepting bribes for downgrading loads of produce so that receivers could negotiate lower prices with shippers. Inspection certificates originally issued by USDA were held by the U.S. Attorney General and USDA OIG as key evidence in the criminal investigation. These same certificates are also necessary to establishing a PACA claim. As a result of the investigation, some growers and shippers did not recover those vital inspection certificates until as recently as June 23. Since the deadline for filing claims was July 27, this did not allow for sufficient time to review and process those claims.

For these reasons, I introduce along with Chairman POMBO this legislation to extend the filing deadline for PACA claims related to Hunt's Point to January 1, 2001.

This legislation will enable those growers and shippers to establish their losses, file a claim and recover.

TRIBUTE TO GENE MARTIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Eugene Eaves Martin was born and raised in Rockwall, TX, my hometown in the Fourth District, and died on August 17 at the age of 78. He was a journeyman printer and production manager and a lifelong member of the International Typographical Union. Gene was also my best friend in high school.

Gene was everybody's favorite. He was on our track team and a great football player. His family was affluent—and Gene had access to cars and other advantages that many of us didn't have in those years of the great Depression. He shared everything he had with other students—including me and my family. He was by far the most popular and best-liked guy in school.

Gene maintained many of his boyhood friendships throughout his life. He never forget Rockwall High School—and returned to lead each high school reunion. Following high school graduation, Gene attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, then served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He served in the Philippines and in the horse patrol along Florida's eastern coast.

Gene worked as journeyman printer, foreman and production manager for several major newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and Dallas Morning News until his retirement in 1986. He and his wife, Lucille, moved to Llano Grande Lake Park in 1994, where he made many new friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; sons, Eugene, Jr., Mark, Larry and Todd; daughter, Len Lea Noack; step-daughter, Denise Kaplan; nine grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Gene was devoted to his profession, to his family, and to his friends—and I join all those who knew and loved him in remembering this wonderful man and outstanding citizen—Gene Martin.

RETIREMENT TRIBUTE TO DANIEL A. FRANK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Daniel Frank on the occasion of his retirement after twenty years of service to the Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation, and recognizing him for his many years of dedicated public service.

Through his work as a Physical Therapist Assistant at Kessler Institute, Daniel Frank has inspired countless numbers of people to work through their physical challenges and to reclaim hope and promise for a fulfilling life. His efforts to empower people are legendary. He encourages his patients to take the next step, to not give up, to value themselves as productive citizens. Both his former patients and his

colleagues sing his praises for his unrelenting persistent good cheer.

Daniel Frank is also very active in his church, Calvary Roseville United Methodist Church in East Orange, New Jersey. He wears several hats in the church and can be called on at any time by clergy, members and persons from the community for help. He is a true humanitarian. He delivers food share not only to needy members of his church family but to persons in need in the community. Over the years, he has worked hard and diligently on the following committees of his church: Usher Board; Administrative Board; Visitation; Council on Ministries; Finance; Evangelism; Fund Raising; Church & Society; Stewardship; Greeter.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Frank for his more than 20 years of exemplary service. His life of leadership and community involvement is instructive to us all. His dedication to the ideals of public service stand tall and it is fitting that he be honored on the occasion of his retirement. Therefore, I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me in honoring a great man for all of his achievements and contribution to our community.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT F. NOLAN FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Notre Dame High School Alumni in paying tribute to an outstanding member of the Hamden, Connecticut community, Police Chief Robert Nolan. In a career that has spanned three decades, Bob has served the Hamden Police Department with dignity and integrity—exemplifying the qualities we expect of law enforcement officials. His unparalleled level of commitment and dedication to the Hamden community throughout his career has been incredible. He has been a driving force in community awareness and public safety, striving to give our families better neighborhoods in which to raise our children. His work has had an invaluable impact on our community and we are all grateful.

Rising through the ranks of the Hamden Police Department, Bob has served the community in several different capacities—the myriad of awards and citations that adorn his walls are testimony to his unwavering dedication. I have had the distinct pleasure of working with him on several projects throughout his tenure. Nearly five years ago, as an Inspector in the Department's Youth Division, Bob participated in one of the first Law Enforcement Forums sponsored by the Anti-Crime Youth Council, a program which I created to help high school students address the increasing occurrence of youth crime and violence. He was an integral part of re-opening the doors of communication between law enforcement officials and teenagers in Hamden. With so many serious challenges facing our young people, his efforts on this issue have been inspiring. I am also proud